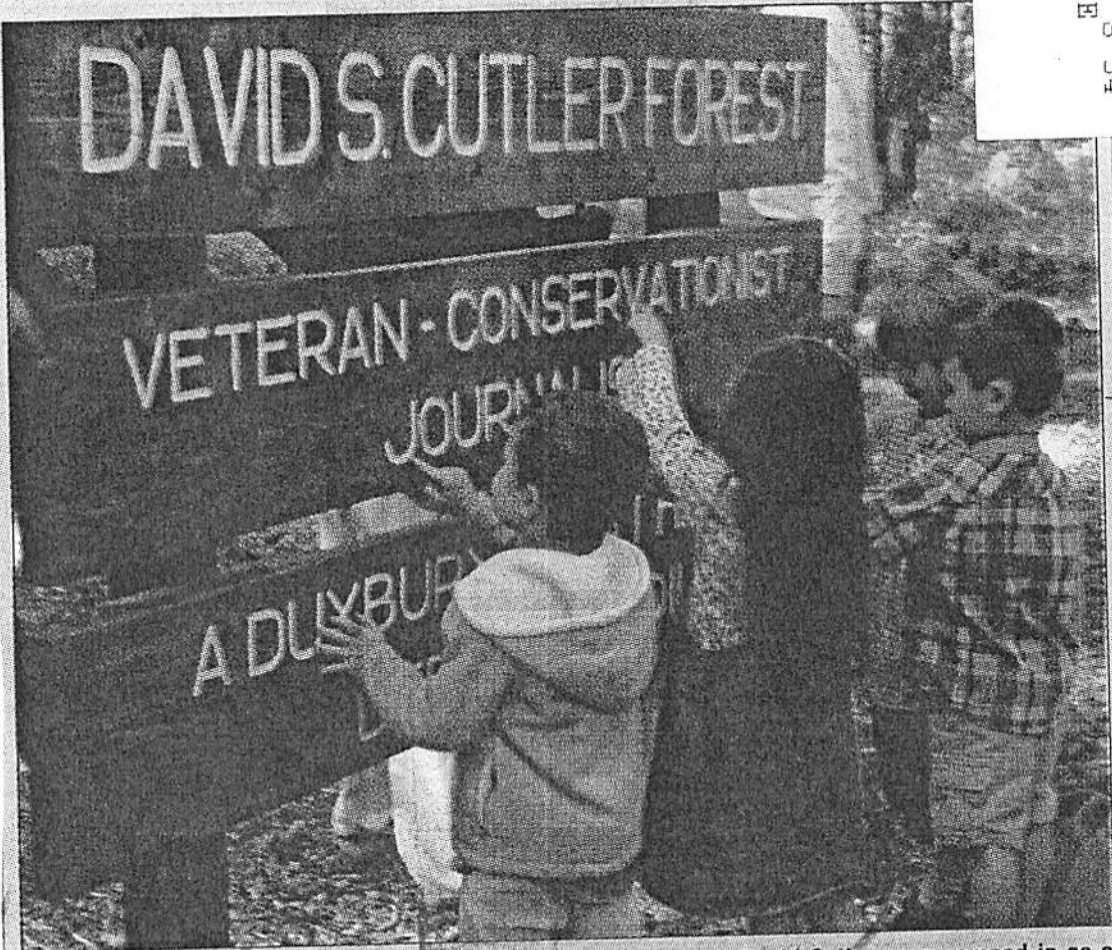


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CUTLER FOREST DEDICATION: The Mayflower Street woods that David Cutler once camped in as a young Boy Scout now bear his name, as the David S. Cutler forest was officially dedicated on Friday. Family, friends and town officials gathered for the ceremony to celebrate Cutler's many contributions to the community. Cutler, a decorated Vietnam veteran and newspaper publisher, died of cancer last year at age 66. Above, Cutler's grandchildren get a hands-on feel for the new sign. See photo spread on page 12.

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Cutler forest dedicated

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David Cutler was a passionate defender of open space during his lifetime, and on Friday morning the town of Duxbury dedicated part of the town forest in his honor.

Cutler was a journalist, a decorated veteran and a native son of Duxbury. He was

publisher of the Clipper when he died last year after a battle with cancer. His parents founded the Duxbury Clipper on their dining room table in 1950, and David eventually went on to found the Mariner chain of newspapers, and ran dozens of papers in Western Mass., New Hampshire and Connecticut.

Through the power of the

pen he wielded at the Clipper, Cutler was a forceful proponent of the adoption of the Community Preservation Act.

"Though we count ourselves as among the protectors of nature, this is not an environmental issue, it is a quality of life issue, and one

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that makes smart financial sense," Cutler wrote in a front-page editorial in March of 2001. "Those who say adoption of the law is too expensive for taxpayers fail to see the forest for the trees."

So it was fitting, therefore, that a parcel of land off Mayflower Street will forever be known as the David Cutler Forest.

The land was dedicated Friday morning, and a sign was unveiled reading simply: "David S. Cutler Forest. Veteran - Journalist - Conservationist. A Duxbury boy at heart."

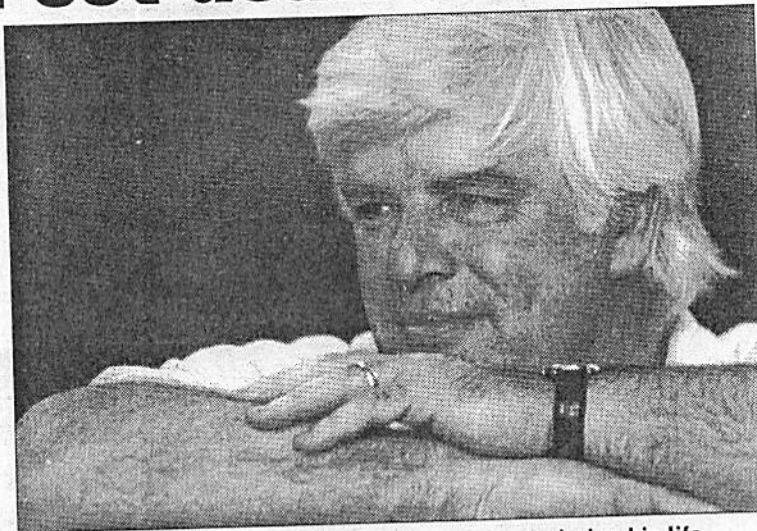
"He would be humbled by what the town is doing today," said the Rev. Catherine Cullen, Cutler's widow.

Cutler's son, current Clipper Publisher Josh Cutler, said his father always impressed upon his family the value of land.

"He'd say, 'buy land, they don't make it any more,'" Cutler said.

State Representative Jim Cantwell pointed to all the ways Cutler had given back to his town and his country.

"David Cutler protected our way of life in so many ways," he said, referencing the Robert Frost poem "The Road



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Not Taken." "He took a road in life that made all of us better."

Congressman William Keating read from some remarks that were entered into the Congressional Record on Cutler's behalf.

"The details of David Cutler's life appear to describe a man that was larger than life,"

Keating said. He referenced a quote David told to a friend during his last days: "My life's work was my family, and I've succeeded."

"These are often thought to be the little things, but often these are the mark of a man's success," Keating said. "And by all accounts, David Cutler was the richest man in town."